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Date: September 30, 2004

From: Lynda L. Calderone

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Re:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/748,401 of John C. Montagna for "Method for

Manufacturing Composite Vehicle Panels"

Title of Papers sent via Facsimile: Copy of Notice Regarding Power of Attorney;

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Dear Mr. Dantzler, attached are the documents we discussed on the telephone. In view of these documents, could you please enter the revocation and appointment of attorney in this application? Please call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Calderone, Reg. No. 35,837

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In Re Patent Application of:

John C. Montagna

Conf. No.: 7567 Group Art Unit:

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Appln. No.: 10/748,401

: Examiner:

Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date: December 30, 2003

: Attorney Docket No.: 601227-42

Title:

Method of Manufacturing Composite Vehicle Panels

RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Notice Regarding Power of Attorney dated September 16, 2004. The Notice states that the Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee filed August 24, 2004 is not accepted because of three primary reasons, each of which is addressed below.

The first reason is that the person signing for the assignee has omitted their empowerment to sign on behalf of assignee. The assignee is Durakon Industries, Inc. (see discussion below). The signor of the Revocation is James Smith who is the Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Durakon Industries, Inc., empowered to sign as an officer of the company. His title information appears on page 2 of the Revocation.

The second reason given is that the person appointed in the Power of Attorney is not registered to practice before the PTO. The appointed attorneys are those attached to Customer Number 000570 within the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, the address and identification of which are in the Revocation. Further, the undersigned (also part of Customer Number 000570) was listed in the Revocation as a contact for all communications and telephone calls with the pertinent information provided. The undersigned is registered to practice before the PTO under Registration Number 35,837.

Finally, the Notice states that the Revocation is not signed by the applicant, the assignee of the entire interest or one particular principal attorney having the authority to practice. The assignee of the entire interest is Durakon Industries, Inc. (see below).

When the undersigned received the Notice, the reasons given appeared inconsistent with the information in the undersigned's file. As a result, the undersigned contacted Mr. Etic

Dantzler, indicated on the Notice. During that telephone call, Mr. Dantzler informed the undersigned that the reason he did not accept the Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee is that he could not identify Durakon Industries, Inc. as the assignee based on the PTO file. The reason for this is apparently an error which occurred in processing the Assignment document with the Assignment Branch of the PTO.

When former counsel submitted the Assignment back in January of 2004, they inadvertently left off the application number from the Assignment cover sheet. The Assignment Branch would not record the submission and allowed the applicants a brief period of time in which to re-submit the Assignment for recordation with the cover page corrected in order to obtain the original recordation date. The undersigned assisted the applicants and filed the Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee with the PTO and timely and simultaneously responded to the Assignment Branch request such that Durakon Industries, Inc.'s Assignment would retain its original date of recordation of January 16, 2004. The undersigned has enclosed a copy of the Revocation as originally filed with the PTO, and the copy of the response to the Assignment Branch request, which includes a copy of the Assignment document as re-submitted for recordation and which demonstrates that Durakon Industries, Inc. is the owner of the entire interest in the application. In view of the attached, the undersigned respectfully requests that the PTO reconsider and accept of the Revocation and Assignment of Attorney by Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

DURAKON INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Date)

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LYNDA L. CALDERONE

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This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 08/27/2004. The Power of Attorney in this application is not accepted for the reason(s) listed below:

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- The person(s) appointed in the Power of Attorney is not registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- The revocation is not signed by the applicant, the assignee of the entire interest, or one particular principal attorney having the authority to revoke.

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NEW ATTORNEY/AGENT COPY

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/748,401 filed December 30, 2003 for John C. Montagna et al. entitled METHOD OF MAKING COMPOSITE VEHICLE PANELS

Attorney Docket No.: 601227-42US

Mailing Date: August 25, 2004

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Title:

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING COMPOSITE VEHICLE PANELS

REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE

The undersigned states that he is authorized to sign the document on behalf of the assignee of the above application, that the evidentiary documents relating to the assignment of the above application have been reviewed, and he certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above application is in assignee by virtue of an assignment executed on December 22, 2003 and December 18, 2003, respectively, and submitted for rerecordation on August 26, 2004 (copy attached).

Durakon Industries, Inc., assignee of the above application, by its undersigned representative, hereby revokes all previous Powers of Attorney and appoints the registered attorneys and agents associated with Customer No. 000570, Akin Gump Strauss Haner & Feld LLP, as its attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please address all correspondence to Customer No. 000570, namely, AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 2200, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-7013. Please direct all communications and telephone calls to Lynda L. Calderone at 215-965-1272 (telephone) or 215-965-1210 (facsimile).

Respectfully submitted,

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for U.S. Patent Application No: 10/748,401 filed December 30, 2003

Dear Tonya:

This is in reference to document I.D. No. 102650917 dated July 27, 2004 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Assignment Branch. The enclosed Assignment was found non-recordable by the Assignment Division by virtue of failure to include the property number on the Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Accordingly, as requested in the above noted document, applicants' counsel are resubmitting a new cover sheet including property identification information with reference to the document I.D. number on the cover sheet and have filed the enclosed documents by Express Mail.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, enclosed are copies of the original recordation documents bearing the stamp of receipt as well as a copy of the postcard forwarded along with the previous recordation. Applicants request that the original recordation date be granted and that the document now be recorded of public record.

We have also enclosed for your reference a copy of a new Revocation and Appointment of Attorney filed today in the above-identified application separately at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Please direct any questions concerning the enclosed recordation to the undersigned.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, John C. Montagna, a citizen of the United States of America and resident of Michigan, whose post office address is 3738 Woodland Drive, Metamora, Michigan 48455, and Leslie E. Smith, a citizen of the United States of American and resident of Michigan, whose post office address is 5758 Coldwater Road, Lapeer, Michigan 48446, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a "METHOD OF MANUFACTURING COMPOSITE VEHICLE PANELS" described in the application executed on the same date hereof, or described in the application filed on December 30, 2003 and assigned Serial No. 10/748,401; and

WHEREAS, Durakon Industries, Inc., a corporation of the State of Michigan, having its principal place of business at 2101 North Lapeer Road, Lapeer, Michigan 48446, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent to issue therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid by said Durakon Industries, Inc., the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said Durakon Industries, Inc., its successors

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and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application and invention in the United States and all countries foreign thereto, including the right of priority under the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, and to any Letters Patent to issue therefor, and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue to the said Durakon Industries, Inc. any Letters Patent thereon, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment, and

We hereby agree to execute all instruments and (locuments which may be necessary for the carrying out of this Assignment in full; to execute any divisional application or and applications which may be necessary or proper to obtain full protection on the invention hereby assigned; and to execute any and all supplemental oaths and preliminary statements should the same be proper and necessary in the prosecution of the aforesaid application or divisional applications thereof, or for securing foreign patents covering said invention in the of said Durakon Industries, name: Inc., orany other corporation designated by it, and also any documents required by it, its successors or assigns, more fully to vest in it or them the title to said invention and to any application or patent that may be filed therefor or secured thereon.

The Clumbay John C. Montagna

STATE OF MICHIGAN) ; ss:

On this <u>13^{+h}</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2003 before me appeared John C. Montagna, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

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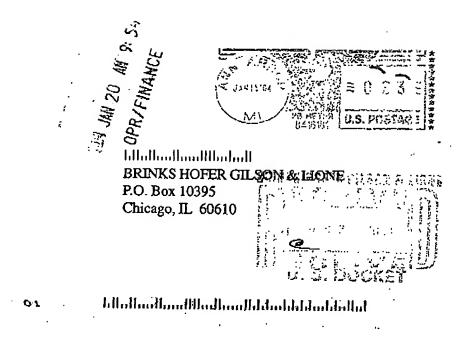
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On this 18th day of December. 2003 before me appeared Leslie E. Smith, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

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